

Licensing Requirements

- Your **backtag must be displayed** where it can be clearly seen in the center of the back of your outermost garment. **Note:** the backtag number must not be hidden by a coat hood, displayed upside down, or be marked up in any manner.
- A Gun Deer License is required to hunt deer with a firearm (including muzzleloaders).
- An Archery License is required to hunt deer with a bow and arrow (or crossbow by qualified individuals as described on page 18 under “Bows, arrows, and crossbows”).
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license, carcass tag, or Buck Authorization Sticker, or for you to use or carry another person’s license, carcass tag, or Buck Authorization Sticker when engaged in hunting.
- No person younger than 10 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting; 10 and 11 year-olds and anyone born on or after January 1, 1973 who has not completed Hunter Education may only hunt with a mentor. See page 12 for details.
- To receive a duplicate license you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license vendor (available from any license sales agent).

Resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their permit applications via the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov. Licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 to 10 days. Licenses are also available at authorized license agents, DNR Service Centers, or over the phone at 1-877-WI-LICENSE (1-877-945-4236).

License and Privilege Information

License	Resident	Non- Resident
Conservation Patron	\$165	\$600*
Conservation Patron Junior (12–17 year-olds)	\$75	\$77*
<i>Conservation Patron and Conservation Patron Junior Privileges include:</i> Small Game, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, General Fishing, Trapping (proof of certification or exemption required), State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, and most permit fees. DNR Magazine subscription and vehicle admission to state parks and related areas (including State Trail Pass) are included in the Conservation Patron license, but not in the Conservation Patron Junior license.		
Sports	\$60	\$275*
Sports Junior (12–17 year-olds)	\$35	\$36*
<i>Sports and Sports Junior Privileges include:</i> General Fishing, Small Game, and Firearm Deer		
Gun Deer**	\$24	\$160
Archery**	\$24	\$160*
Junior Gun Deer (12–17 year-olds)	\$20	—
<i>Privileges include:</i> Firearm Deer		
Junior Archery (12–17 year-olds)	\$20	—
<i>Privileges include:</i> Small Game and Archery Deer		
Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag		
First Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag <i>One free with license</i>	\$0	\$0
Additional Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag	\$2	\$2
Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag	\$12**	\$20**

* Does not include hunting or trapping furbearing animals.

** For 10 and 11 year-olds, the fee for an archery or gun deer license is **\$7** and the fee for a unit specific antlerless deer carcass tag is **\$5**.

Effective Dates

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons. Gun and archery deer licenses may be purchased before and during any open deer season. All licenses from the 2011 license year expire on March 31, 2012

Resident Licenses

Wisconsin residency

- A person must have maintained a permanent residence in Wisconsin for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes where the person votes, pays personal state income taxes, or obtains a driver's license. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period and/or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. **Non-residents ages 10–17 who have a parent that is a Wisconsin resident may purchase licenses at resident prices.**

Non-resident students attending school in Wisconsin

- Full-time non-resident students in residence at **any** public or private Wisconsin college, technical college, or university offering a degree OR foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course may purchase gun deer, archery, small game, fishing, and sports licenses at resident prices.

Armed Forces Members

Armed Forces members are entitled to the following:

- Exemption from Hunter Education requirements (see below).
- A U.S. Armed Forces member who exhibits proof that he or she is a Wisconsin resident, or was a resident when he/she entered active service, **may use a firearm and his or her one Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag to harvest one deer of either sex** from any Deer Management Unit (including CWD Earn-A-Buck Units) during any firearm season (not including the 2-day youth deer hunt), including any antlerless-only gun deer hunts established by the department, if he or she is:
 1. in active service outside of Wisconsin with the U.S. Armed Forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces, and
 2. is on furlough or leave.Those who meet the above criteria may also purchase one bonus antlerless deer carcass tag in a unit with a quota, even if the unit is sold out.
- People meeting the following criteria may purchase any hunting, trapping, or fishing license at the resident price:
 1. Any non-resident active duty U.S. Armed Forces member or member of forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces who is stationed in Wisconsin or was a resident when he/she entered active service.
 2. A member of a Reserve unit located in Wisconsin, or a unit located outside of Wisconsin if the person was a Wisconsin resident when they entered active service.
 3. A non-resident member of the Wisconsin National Guard.

Armed Forces members are not exempt from the need to purchase a valid deer hunting license.

Hunter Education Requirements

Persons born on or after January 1, 1973 must present their Wisconsin Hunter Education certificate (or proof of a hunter safety course recognized by the Department from another state, province, or country), a Wisconsin hunting license from a previous year, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National

Guard to purchase any hunting license. A certificate of successful completion of a Bow Hunter Education course can be used to purchase an Archery License. If a person has not completed hunter education, they may only obtain a license that requires hunting with a mentor in compliance with the Hunting Mentorship Program rules (below). Contact the DNR Call Center (see page 55) for course information or visit our web site at dnr.wi.gov.

First-time Hunter Education Graduate Privilege

- First time Hunter Education graduate special free antlerless deer tags are no longer being issued. Instead, all youth ages 10-17 will now automatically be issued a free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag each year they purchase a gun deer license (see page 15, *Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags for Youth Under Age 18*, for more details). Hunters 18 and older who graduate from Hunter Education will no longer receive a free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag.
- All residents 10 years and older who graduate from a *Wisconsin Hunter Education course for the first time* will continue to be entitled to the following:
 - Certificates issued after January 1, 2011 will serve as your Small Game License and are valid for hunting small game until March 31, 2012. You must carry your Hunter Education Certificate with you while hunting if it is acting as your small game hunting authorization.
 - Exemption from the requirement to purchase the Pheasant and state Waterfowl Stamps while the certificate is valid for small game hunting.

Note: the above does not exempt a person from the requirement to purchase goose permits, a Federal Waterfowl Stamp (age 16 and over), or from becoming HIP registered.

Hunting Mentorship Program

This program allows a person to obtain a hunting license and hunt without the need to first take hunter education, **provided the hunter and the mentor comply with the following:**

Rules that apply to the hunter:

- Must be at least 10 years old.
- Must possess the appropriate hunting license, permits, stamps, and tags.
- Must hunt within arms reach of a mentor regardless of the age of the hunter or the mentor.
- Must comply with all other hunting laws, seasons, and bag limits.

Rules that apply to the mentor:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must be a hunter education graduate unless born before January 1, 1973 or have completed basic training with the Armed Forces.
- Must be the hunter's parent or guardian, or have the permission of the hunter's parent/guardian before acting as a mentor for a person under 18.

- Must possess a current year's Wisconsin hunting approval (type of hunting approval does not matter, unless the mentor will also be attempting to harvest game).

Note: Certain exemptions apply if mentoring on a licensed bird or deer hunting preserve or on land the mentor owns or occupies. Contact DNR for details.

- Only allowed to serve as a mentor for ONE hunter at a time if the hunter is either of the following:
 - age 10 or 11, or
 - born on or after January 1, 1973 and has not yet taken Hunter Education.

Only **ONE** firearm, bow, or crossbow (if eligible for a crossbow permit) can be **possessed jointly** between the hunter and the mentor if the hunter is either age 10 or 11, or was born on or after January 1, 1973 and has not yet taken and passed hunter education.

Note: 10 and 11 year-olds may only hunt under these mentorship rules, even if they have already completed hunter education.

Adult Supervision Required

A parent or guardian (at least 18 years of age) must accompany hunters ages 12 and 13. *Accompanied* means within sight *and* voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid. Persons under the age of 12 may not hunt unless participating in a DNR Learn to Hunt event or the Hunting Mentorship Program. Persons under age 18 may not possess firearms for non-hunting purposes unless accompanied by an adult, except that persons age 14-17 who have completed Hunter Education can possess legal shotguns and rifles without being accompanied by an adult

Disabled Hunters

A qualified disabled person may obtain a permit to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Class A and C disabled hunters are authorized to harvest one deer of either sex with their one regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass tag during any gun deer season except for the 2-day youth gun deer hunt unless they are age 10-15. This means that a hunter with a Class A or Class C Disabled Permit may:

- A. Fill their one regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass tag with:
 1. an antlerless deer during any gun deer season (except for the 2-day youth hunt),
 2. a buck during the October or December 4-day antlerless-only deer hunts, or
 3. a buck in Chronic Wasting Disease Earn-A-Buck units without the need to tag an antlerless deer first.
- B. Fill their one Archery Buck Deer Carcass tag with a buck without the need to tag an antlerless deer first when hunting in an Earn-A-Buck unit.
- C. Fill their one archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag with an antlerless deer in any unit statewide, including those 8 regular DMUs with a zero antlerless deer quota (i.e., buck-only). See page 15 for details on zero-quota units.

CWD Landowner Permits

For information about the CWD Landowner Permit Season, please see page 40.

Deer Tagging Instructions

- 1 You must validate the appropriate deer carcass tag by slitting the appropriate date and time immediately upon killing and before field dressing or moving the deer.
Note: *an antlerless deer is any deer that does not have an antler of 3 or more inches in length. A buck deer is any deer with at least one antler 3 inches or longer.*
2. Insert a string or similar fastener through the small hole in the middle of the tag (note: a tab covers the hole) and attach it to the deer's ear or antler. You will need to provide your own string or similar fastener to attach the carcass tag to your deer.
3. After the deer has been tagged, it must be registered at an appropriate registration station. Please see the section below on registration.
4. The carcass and registration tags must remain attached to the deer until butchering. The person who killed, tagged, or obtained the deer shall retain all tags until the meat is consumed.

Deer Registration

Deer must be kept intact, except for field dressing, skinning, and quartering* prior to registration. The lower legs up to the tarsus joint ("ankle or hock") on the hind legs and up to the carpus joint ("wrist or knee") on the front legs, may also be removed. If the

skin or legs are removed prior to registration they must be kept with the carcass until after the deer is registered.

* **Hunters may divide a deer into as many as five pieces** (provided the head remains attached to one of the 5 parts of the carcass) prior to registration to facilitate removal of the carcass from the field. The hide and lower legs, if removed, do not count as one of the 5 parts. Prior to registration, only one deer that has been quartered may be stored or transported at a time, but quartered deer can be transported with other intact deer.

In addition to the tagging requirements, ***all deer must be registered*** at a DNR Deer Registration Station. Registration forms are available at deer registration stations.

Non-CWD Unit Deer Registration

- **Deadline:** All deer killed by **firearm hunters (including during the muzzleloader deer season)** must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after the close of the season in which the deer was killed. All deer killed by **archery hunters** must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third day after the deer was killed or by 5:00 p.m. on the day after the season closes, whichever occurs first.
- **Location:** All deer killed must be registered in the unit of kill or in an adjoining unit.

CWD Unit Deer Registration

- **Deadline:** **All deer killed must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after harvest.**
- **Location:** All deer killed in the **CWD Management Zone** must be registered within the unit of kill or an adjacent unit of kill **within** the CWD Management Zone.

Collection of samples at time of registration

Any part of any deer may be collected or sampled by the Department for disease testing purposes. If requested, you must allow the Department to collect a sample for disease testing. Special arrangements can be made at the time of registration for deer that will be prepared as a taxidermy mount. Failure to provide or allow a sample to be collected may result in a fine.

Carcass Tags

While hunting, no person may possess a validated carcass tag (of any kind) unless it is attached to a legally harvested deer. It is illegal to possess, move, or transport an untagged deer. The proper carcass tag must be immediately validated and attached to the harvested deer.

Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag

Valid in any Deer Management Unit (DMU) statewide during the appropriate gun deer season (not valid Oct. 13-16 in CWD units or Dec. 8-11 statewide) for harvesting a buck with a firearm including muzzleloaders (see pages 11 and 13 for Military and Disabled hunter exceptions). **In CWD Earn-A-Buck units, this tag can be used to tag a buck without a Buck Authorization Sticker or the need to first tag an antlerless deer.** Additional bucks harvested in CWD units must be tagged with an unused deer carcass tag that has a valid Buck Authorization Sticker affixed to the back OR must be accompanied by an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter until both deer are registered.

Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags

Unit Specific—Unit specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags are only valid for tagging one antlerless deer in the unit specified on the tag. This tag is **not** weapon-specific. Unit specific antlerless tags for regular units* are \$12.00 for residents and \$20.00 for non-residents (\$5 for youth ages 10 and 11) and can be purchased at any DNR

license vendor, online at dnr.wi.gov, or by phone. **For all regular DMUs, these tags will be sold starting at noon on Saturday, August 20.**

- * **8 regular DMUs will not have unit specific antlerless tags available in 2011.** These units are: 3, 7, 29B, 34, 35, 39, 44, and 45.

Herd Control and Earn-A-Buck (EAB)—This Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag is only valid for tagging one antlerless deer in Herd Control and CWD EAB units, and is **not valid** for regular units or non-quota areas (see map on page 29). This tag is **not** weapon-specific. One tag is issued free with each gun deer license to persons age 18 or older and with each archery license to each person age 10 or older (individuals age 18 or older will receive two of these free antlerless tags if they purchase both the Archery and Gun Deer License or a Conservation Patron License). Additional tags are available for \$2.00 each at any authorized license agent, online at dnr.wi.gov, or by phone.

Youth Under Age 18 – Youth ages 10-17 will be issued a statewide Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag with their gun deer license. This tag is valid for tagging one antlerless deer in any DMU statewide, including regular or buck only units, during any open deer season with the appropriate gun or archery license and corresponding weapon (firearm or archery).

Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag

This tag is valid for one buck deer harvested with legal archery equipment in any unit statewide during an open archery season (not valid October 13-16 in CWD units or statewide December 8-11). **In CWD Earn-A-Buck units, this tag can be used to tag a buck without a Buck Authorization Sticker or the need to first tag an antlerless deer.** Additional bucks harvested in CWD units must be tagged with an unused deer carcass tag with a valid Buck Authorization Sticker affixed to the back OR must be accompanied by an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter until both deer are registered. When hunting outside of CWD units, the Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag is the **ONLY** archery tag valid for harvesting and tagging a buck with archery equipment. This tag is weapon-specific and may not be filled with a deer killed with a firearm.

Archery Antlerless Carcass Tag

This carcass tag is valid for one antlerless deer harvested with **legal archery equipment only** during an open archery season statewide **except** it is not valid in the following units: 3, 7, 29B, 34, 35, 39, 44, and 45 (see page 13 for disabled hunter exception). One of these tags is issued with each Archery Deer License or Patron License.

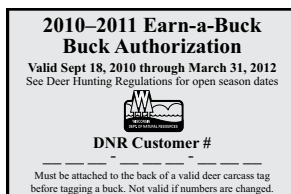
2011-12 & 2012-13 CWD Deer Carcass Tag

This carcass tag is valid only in CWD units during an open CWD deer season and can be used to tag a deer of either sex. To be valid for a buck, a valid Buck Authorization Sticker issued to the same hunter must be attached to the back of the CWD Deer Carcass Tag unless a legally-harvested unregistered antlerless deer, tagged by the same hunter, accompanies the buck deer until both are registered. This tag is **not** weapon-specific. Hunters can obtain these tags free of charge (limit 4 per hunter per day) at deer registration stations and participating license vendors located in the CWD Management Zone, as well as at DNR Service Centers.

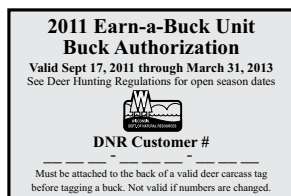
Tip: Hunters planning on hunting outside of the CWD Management Zone should save the buck carcass tag issued with their license for use during those hunts, and should use the free 2011-12 and 2012-13 CWD Deer Carcass Tags for hunting within the CWD Management Zone if they have earned a buck. If CWD tags are used, then EAB rules will apply.

EAB Units (CWD Units Only): Buck Authorization Stickers

Buck Authorization Stickers are used to validate the earner's Gun Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag, Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag, or 2011-12 and 2012-13 CWD Deer Carcass Tags for a buck. **It is not necessary to use a Buck Authorization Sticker to validate a Gun Buck or Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag in CWD units.**



This light blue Buck Authorization Sticker would have been earned during the 2010 deer hunting season by registering an antlerless deer in a CWD EAB unit or by having registered a CWD-positive buck during the 2010 regular hunting season. If this sticker was not used in 2010 to validate a buck carcass tag it is still valid for that hunter in the 2011 deer hunting season in a CWD Management Zone (CWD-MZ) unit.



The 2011 Buck Authorization Sticker is purple and can be earned during the 2011 deer hunting season by tagging and registering an antlerless deer in a CWD-MZ unit. The hunter will receive his/her sticker at the registration station when registering an antlerless deer or by mail if the deer was harvested and registered

during the 2011 CWD Landowner Permit Season. This sticker can be used during the 2011 deer season in a CWD unit or, if not used in 2011, it can be used in an EAB unit during the 2012 deer season. Be sure not to misplace it.

Replacement Buck Authorization Stickers will also be issued to any hunter who harvests a buck that tests CWD-positive during the 2011 regular deer hunting season. The DNR will mail a letter with a replacement 2011-2012 Buck Authorization Sticker attached to a CWD-MZ Carcass Tag to hunters that harvest a CWD-positive buck. Hunters will be allowed to keep the meat, antlers, hide, and any other parts of the CWD-positive buck. If a hunter chooses to not keep any part of the CWD-positive buck, they are reminded to properly dispose of the parts so they end up in a landfill. Removing CWD-positive deer from the landscape is an important management tool and the DNR offers these replacement Buck Authorization Stickers as a token of our appreciation for your assistance in managing CWD.

Buck Authorization Sticker Frequently Asked Questions

Where is my buck authorization valid? In 2011, they are valid in any CWD Management Zone (CWD-MZ) unit.

How many buck authorizations can I earn? During the 2011 season, a Buck Authorization Sticker will be issued for each antlerless deer registered in any CWD-MZ unit. The sticker must be attached to the back of an antlerless deer carcass tag or CWD deer carcass tag to validate the tag to be used for a buck. **Reminder:** it is not necessary to use a Buck Authorization Sticker to validate a Gun Buck or Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag in CWD units.

Is the buck authorization weapon or season specific? No. An antlerless deer harvested with a gun or bow in a CWD-MZ unit will earn a Buck Authorization Sticker that can be used on any valid antlerless deer carcass tag or CWD deer carcass tag (see pages 14-15) while hunting during a gun deer season with a gun deer license or during an archery deer season with an archery license; however, it may not be used during any antlerless-only season.

Can I earn a buck for someone else? Buck authorizations are non-transferable. Only those who tag and register an antlerless deer will be issued a Buck Authorization Sticker. Group hunting is allowed to earn or harvest a buck during the gun season, but only the person who tags and registers an antlerless deer will receive the Buck Authorization Sticker. Only the person who has been issued a buck authorization may use it to tag a buck.

How do I prequalify for a buck for next year (2012)? During the regular 2011 deer seasons, if you tag and register an antlerless deer in a CWD-MZ unit you will be issued, at the time of registration, a Buck Authorization Sticker valid in any 2011 or 2012 EAB unit. Additionally, you will be mailed a replacement Buck Authorization Sticker for any CWD-positive buck you harvest.

Firearm and Bow Restrictions

It is illegal to:

- possess or use any firearm for hunting if you are a felon or have been prohibited from possessing a firearm under Wisconsin law. In Wisconsin, a firearm is any weapon that uses gun powder, including black powder or black powder substitute for muzzleloaders. A hunting license does not authorize the purchaser to possess a firearm for hunting. Unless otherwise prohibited, a felon can generally hunt legally with an air rifle for small game mammals (see *2011 Small Game Regulations*) or with a bow and arrow for small game, turkey, bear, and deer. Appropriate licenses are required.
- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- possess or use while hunting any tracer or incendiary shells, cartridges, or ammunition.
- hunt with any means other than a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow. Handguns may be used as described under the “Handgun” section (page 18). Crossbows may only be used as described under the “Bows, arrows, and crossbows” section (page 18).
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own (including public lands and public waters) without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.
- hunt deer with ammunition loaded with non-expanding type bullets.
- possess or control any shotshell loaded with a single slug or ball while hunting game birds except during the gun season for deer.
- possess any firearm from 12:00 midnight–11:59 p.m. on November 18, 2011 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. **Exceptions:** target shooting at established target ranges, target shooting on private lands by landowners and immediate family members, waterfowl hunting during open season, hunting game birds on licensed bird hunting preserves, and hunting turkeys and small game in CWD Management Zone units.
Note: An established target range means an existing location that is set up for target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.
- possess while hunting, shot or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1–Dec. 12 (unless legally engaged in waterfowl hunting or while hunting bobcat). See *Waterfowl Regulations* for maximum shot sizes for waterfowl hunting.
- hunt deer with any ammunition loaded with shot other than a single slug or projectile.

Shotguns

- Must have an overall minimum length of 26" with an 18" minimum barrel length.
- Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20, and 28.